(b) if so, what are the figures for the last three years for Indo-US trade turnover including textiles;

(c) whether there is any kind of embargo in US on Indian exports; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that 20 per cent of India's exports go to USA; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that since last several years India has maintained surplus balance of trade with USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Exports of Indian textiles (including clothing) to USA were to the tune of 1.38 billion dollars in 1993 while imports of textiles from USA to India were negligible. The India-US bilateral trade, including in textiles, during the last three years were as follows:

Year	Value in Billion
1991	5.200
1992	5.695
1993	7.312

(Source: US Department of Commerce)

(c) At present there is no embargo in US on Indian textile exports. However, textile and clothing export's to the U.S.A. are subject to certain quantitative restraints, applied under the provisions of the Multi Fibre Arrangement (MFR).

(d) Overall Indian exports to USA were about 19 per cent out of its total exports during 1992-93.

(e) India has maintained surplus balance of trade with USA for the last several years.

Cotton Production

7638. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) what is the expected production of cotton during the current year;

(b) how far it is likely to fall short of the demand;

(c) how much cotton is proposed to be imported in fill up the gap alongwith the price and the countries from which it is to be imported; and

(d) what is the reaction of the textile industry in the entire deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The expected production of cotton during the current year is estimated to be 125 lakh bales.

(b) Considering the total availability of cotton during the current year at 150.74 lakh bales inclusive of opening stock as against the total consumption (mill plus non-mill plus small spinners) at 125 lakh bales ((app.) there is no shortfall.

(c) Since the import of cotton has been placed under Opening General Licence (OGL) with zero import duty, the imports may take place form various cotton growing states at varying rates depending upon variety of cotton and the country from where it is imported.

(d) The industry has welcomed the Government's decision as it is intended to augment the fibre availability at reasonable prices.

Amendingthe Guidelines of Market Development Assistance Scheme

7639. SHRI GOVIDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are actively considering amendments in the existing guidelines on Market Development Assistance Scheme (MDA) for the handloom industry?